GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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RENAMING OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently changed the name of Bhopal Airport;

(b) if so, whether names of two other airports in the country have also been changed;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for such changes;

(d) whether the Government have received some requests from other States for renaming of their airports;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b) and (c) The Government have renamed Port Blair Airport as `Veer Savarkar Airport`, Bhopal Airport as `Raja Bhoj Airport` and Gwalior Civil Air Terminal as `Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Terminal`, on demand from public and prominent persons and on recommendations of respective State Governments.

(d), (e) and (f) The Government have recently received various requests for renaming of airports, namely, Lucknow & Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, Rajkot & Porbandar in Gujarat, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh, Jodhpur in Rajasthan, Nagpur in Maharashtra, Vijayawada and Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh; Agartala in Tripura and Madurai in Tamil Nadu. Thepolicy of the Government is to retain the name of the city for the airports to the extent possible as this has been found to be convenient for passengers especially foreign tourists and other visitors.